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South Carolina Public Service Commission  
101 Executive Center Dr.  
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Columbia, SC. 29210

RE: Telecom Management, Inc. d/b/a Pioneer Telephone (Pioneer)  
Petition for Alternative Regulation

Dear Sir or Madame:

I have enclosed an original and ten (10) copies of Pioneer's Petition for Alternative Regulation for filing with the Commission.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

*Kari Wolney*

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Compliance Assistant

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**BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA**

In Re: Telecom Management, Inc. d/b/a Pioneer Telephone  
Application for Modification of Tariff Procedures

**APPLICATION OF TELECOM MANAGEMENT INC. d/b/a PIONEER TELEPHONE  
FOR MODIFICATION OF TARIFF FILING PROCEDURES**

COMES NOW Telecom Management, Inc. d/b/a Pioneer Telephone pursuant to S.C. Code Ann., Sec. 58-9-585, and files this its Application for modification of tariff filing procedures. In support of its Application, Pioneer Telephone respectfully shows as follows:

1.

Pioneer Telephone is a non-facilities based reseller of interexchange services authorized to transact business in the state of South Carolina. Pioneer Telephone has been granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by the Commission to provide intrastate interLATA service and to originate and terminate toll traffic within the same LATA, as set forth in its certificate, through the resale of intrastate Wide Area Telecommunications Services (WATS), Message Telecommunications Services (MTS), Foreign Exchange Service, Private Line Service or any other services authorized for resale by tariffs of carriers approved by the Commission. Pursuant to this authority, Pioneer Telephone is currently providing interexchange services to the citizens of South Carolina.

2.

In its "Orders Addressing Request for Alternative Regulation" in Docket No. 95-66 1-C, this Commission granted in part the Petition of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. ("AT&T") for alternative regulation. Specifically, the Commission granted AT&T's request to modify the Commission's tariff filing procedures so as to remove the maximum rate (cap) requirements on business services offered under AT&T's Private Line Service Tariff, Customer Network Service tariff, and all Consumer Card and Operator Service offerings. Such action by the Commission was dependent upon AT&T filing tariffs which reflected average toll rates within South Carolina.

3.

Subsequent to the Commission's approval of AT&T's request for alternative regulation, the Commission granted similar petitions filed by the Cable & Wireless, Inc. ("C & W") (Docket No. 96-047-C), and MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI") (Docket No. 96-278-C).

4.

On August 11, 1997, the Supreme Court of South Carolina issued an Order rejecting an appeal by the Consumer Advocates for the State of South Carolina of the Commission's order in the above referenced proceeding involving AT&T (489-S.E. 2d 467). In it's Order, the Supreme Court affirmed the determination of the Commission to remove price caps for certain AT&T's business services.

5.

Consistent with the relief requested by AT&T, C & W, and MCI, Pioneer Telephone also respectfully requests that the Commission order that Pioneer Telephone's business service, consumer card and operator services offering tariffs shall not be required to state maximum rates (caps), and further, that such rates shall be presumed valid upon filing, with the understanding that the Commission has the right within seven (7) days to establish an investigation of the tariff filing.

6.

The relief requested by Pioneer Telephone is consistent with S.C. Code Ann. Sec. 58-9-585(A), because substantial and broad-based competition exists for the provision of interexchange services in South Carolina, i.e., the services for which Pioneer Telephone requests alternative regulation are "competitive in the relevant geographic market". Currently there are in excess of 300 entities certificated to provide interexchange services in South Carolina. Accordingly, Pioneer Telephone submits that there is ample evidence of vigorous interexchange competition in South Carolina.

WHEREFORE, Pioneer Telephone requests that the Commission grant its application, and order that Pioneer Telephone's business services, consumer calling card, and operator service offerings tariffs shall not be required to state maximum rates (caps), and further, that such rates shall be presumed valid upon filing.

Respectfully submitted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007

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